

# OFFICIAL REPORTS



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING IN PHILADELPHIA.

The thirteenth Annual Meeting of The American Society of Superintendents of Training-schools for Nurses will be held in Philadelphia on May 8, 9, and 10, at the Rittenhouse, 20th and Chestnut Streets. The first session will be held on Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock. In order to allow the members to see something of the many objects of interest in this city, it has been arranged that the second session of Wednesday and Thursday will be held in the evening instead of in the afternoon.

Miss Marion Smith, superintendent of the University Hospital will entertain the Society at a tea at the University Hospital from three to five on Wednesday. Beside the many interesting departments of the Hospital, there is closely adjoining it, the Wistar Institute of Anatomy, one of the most complete and best arranged collections in the United States, and well worth a visit. The evening session will be held at eight P. M. All the sessions will be held at the Rittenhouse. The morning session on Thursday will commence at ten A. M. The evening at eight P. M. The morning session Friday will commence at nine-thirty A. M. in order to permit early adjournment at noon.

Promptly at one o'clock members are invited to assemble for an automobile trip to Valley Forge, about twenty-five miles distant from Philadelphia. Valley Forge, served throughout the winter of 1777-1778 as Washington's headquarters. The little stone house in which he lived is well preserved, and in it are many objects of interest, including personal letters, furniture used during his occupation, etc. Valley Forge is on the banks of the Schuylkill, the surrounding country being hilly and well-wooded. It can also be conveniently reached by train on the Reading Railway, 12th and Market Streets. Light refreshments will be served in picnic fashion.

Since the discussions on objects of interest to the Members of the Association have always hitherto been unavoidably cut short for want of time, the programme committee has decided on comparatively few papers, and arranged to devote one whole session, that on Thursday evening, to the question box. Members are requested to send in subjects which they consider of general interest or difficulty, briefly stated as questions. These should be mailed to the President, Miss Mand Banfield, Polyclinic Hospital, Philadelphia, as soon as possible, in order that they may be sorted and grouped as far as practicable. The name of the questioner should be attached, but this will *not* be read by the chairman. Three minute discussions will be invited.

THE NURSES' ASSOCIATED ALUMNÆ.

The Tenth Annual Convention of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States will be held in Richmond, Virginia, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, May 14th, 15th and 16th, 1907.

The Headquarters of the Convention will be at the Hotel Jefferson, West Franklin Street.

The Treasurer and Secretary will be at the Hotel Jefferson on Monday evening, May 13th at eight o'clock to register all delegates who present themselves.

The books will be open for registration on Tuesday, May 14th, from eight o'clock until twelve, noon, and from one to two, P.M.

The convention will be opened at two o'clock, *sharp*.

A list of hotels and boarding houses is given in the April number of THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING.

NELLIE M. CASEY, Secretary.

PROGRAMME.

TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1907, TWO P.M. Prayer by the Rev. Robert W. Forsyth, D.D., St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church, Richmond, Va.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME by Ex-Governor A. J. Montague.

ADDRESS by Mrs. Wm. R. Coxe, President of the Woman's Club.

EIGHT-FIFTEEN P.M. Musical Entertainment by Polk Miller's famous quartette.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, TEN A.M. Business Session. Address of President. Paper: Missionary Nursing in the Mountains, by Miss Maria Allen.

Question Box, in charge of Miss Isabel McIsaac. Polls will be open for depositing ballots on Wednesday at ten A.M., and will close on Thursday at one P.M.

TWO P.M. BUSINESS SESSION. Paper: Work and Overwork, by Miss Martha Smith. Paper: Almshouse Nursing: the Human Need: the Professional Opportunity. Discussion to be opened by Rev. Caroline Bartlett Crane (by invitation of the member of the Programme Committee representing Michigan).

Informal reception at the Memorial Hospital from five to seven P.M.

THURSDAY, MAY 16, NINE A.M. Session on State Work, in charge of Miss Sarah E. Sly, Interstate Secretary.

Papers and Discussions on How to Organize for Legislation; Work of Board of Examiners; Responsibility of a Registered Nurse; Practical Results of the Law.

TWO P.M. Papers: Blazing of New Trails, by Miss Theresa Earles McCarthy; Some Urgent Social Claims, by Miss L. L. Dock.

Question Box. Business Session. Adjournment.

Informal reception at St. Lukes Hospital from five to seven P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 17. An all-day excursion from Richmond to Norfolk.

RAILROAD RATES—INSTRUCTIONS.

By instruction of the railways shown below, you are advised, that announcements of excursion fares on the so-called certificate plan have been discontinued. This final decision of the railroads has just been received. Delegates west of Pittsburg and Buffalo are therefore advised to ask for rates to Jamestown Exposition.

Ann Arbor R. R.,  
B. & O. R. R.,

E. & T. H. R. R.  
G. R. & I. R'y.

B. & O. S. W. R. R.,	G. T. R'y System,
B. & L. E. R. R.,	Hocking Valley R'y,
Big Four Route,	Illinois Central R. R.,
C. & O. R'y,	L. E. A. & W. R. R.,
Chicago & Alton R. R.,	L. E. & W. R. R.,
C. & E. I. R. R.,	L. S. & M. S. R'y.
C. & E. and Erie R. R.,	L. & N. R. R.,
C. I. & E. R'y,	L. H. & St. L. R'y.
C. I. & L. R'y,	M. C. & C. R. R.,
C. I. & S. R. R.,	Mich. Central R. R.,
C. R. I. & P. R'y (between Chicago and Peoria, via Bureau).	Mobile & Ohio R. R.,
C. & M. V. R. R.,	N. Y. C. & St. L. R. R.,
C. H. & D. R'y,	N. & W. R'y,
C. N. O. & T. P. R'y,	Ohio Central Lines.
Cin. Northern R. R.,	Penna. Lines.
C. A. & C. R'y,	Pere Marquette R. R.,
C. & B. Transit Co.,	P. & L. E. R. R.,
C. C. & L. R. R.,	P. L. & W. R. R.,
Dayton & Union R. R.,	So. R'y (St. Louis Div.),
D. & B. S. Co.,	T. P. & W. R'y.
D. & C. N. Co.,	Vandalia Railroad.
D. T. & I. R'y,	Wabash R. R.,
D. T. & M. R. R.,	Wab. Pitts. Ter. R'y.
D. A. V. & P. R. R.,	Z. & W. R'y.
E. & I. R. R.,	W. & L. E. R. R.
	T. St. L. & W. R. R.,

Those going over other roads not on this list will note that the reduced rate will be in effect from Friday, May 10th, to Wednesday, May 15th. As the round trip rate is one fare and one third, there can be no extension of time limit of tickets. Members traveling from localities more than three days' journey from Richmond will be able to procure tickets before May 10th, but should apply to the agents several days before tickets are to be used. This is advisable, too, in small or remote districts, as certificates are not kept at all stations, and it would be necessary to purchase a local ticket to some station where the through ticket and the certificate may be obtained.

#### THE GOING JOURNEY.

Ask for a through ticket, one way, with a certificate; do not make the mistake of asking for a receipt. If obliged to purchase tickets over several roads, members should procure a certificate with each ticket. As the ticket for the going journey will be an "unlimited," stop-overs may be made, but none will be allowed on the return ticket except where changes of trains occur, and at those points probably one day may be allowed. The certificates should be presented to the Secretary, on Wednesday, May 15th, and called for on the evening of that day. A fee of twenty-five cents is charged by the Southeastern Passenger Association's Agent for each certificate signed by him. Tickets purchased via boat lines from New York and Philadelphia must return same route. Tickets can be purchased via rail to Baltimore, thence boat; returning same route.

**THE RETURN JOURNEY.**

The certificates having been vised and signed, should be presented at the ticket office in Richmond at least one hour before the departure of the train, as it takes some time to honor certificates and issue return tickets. Further information or estimates will be sent any member on application.

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The committee on arrangements announces that the nurses of Virginia have secured a very commodious steambout for the excursion to be given the nurses of the Associated Alumnae after the close of the Convention in Richmond. The steamer "Rosedale" will leave the wharf at the foot of Main Street, Friday, May 17th, at eight A.M. Jamestown Island, the site of the first permanent settlement in America, will be reached about noon and an hour's stop made. The excursion should reach Norfolk about five o'clock in the afternoon. The boat will carry luggage. The café on board will serve breakfast and luncheon at hours to be announced at the time of the Convention.

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**THE PARIS CONFERENCE CALLED BY THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.**

The Council is able to announce the gratifying and important fact that the coming Conference will have the official recognition of M. Mésureur, the Director-General of the Department of the Assistance Publique of Paris, who, with some of his distinguished confrères will open the first session. On Tuesday, June 18th, the papers on Education and Training will be read; on Wednesday, the 19th, those on Public Duties and Social Responsibilities; on Thursday, the 20th, those on Professional Organization and the Nursing Press.

On Monday, June 17th, there will be a reception by Mlle. Chaptal, at the Maison-Ecole d'Infirmières privées, rue Vercingetorix, at 4.30 P.M. On Tuesday, the 18th, a reception will be given by the Municipal Council of Paris, at the Hôtel de Ville, at 4.30 P.M. On Wednesday, 19th, Mme. Alphen-Salvador will receive at the School for Nurses, 10 rue Amyot. On Thursday, the 20th, M. Mesureur will hold a reception in the Administration Building of the new College for Nurses in connection with the Salpêtrière Hospital at 4.30 P.M. On Friday, the 21st, there will be a visit to Versailles, arranged by Mme. Alphen-Salvador. On Saturday, the 22d, a visit to the Chateau of Chantilly has been arranged by the Baroness de Rothschild. A farewell banquet will close the functions. The Hôtel du Louvre, 172 Rue de Rivoli, will be the headquarters of the Council and many members will be found there. It offers special rates of twelve francs a day (\$2.40) and is central.

The Secretary will be at the Louvre Hotel on the 17th. Before that date, after June 1st, she can be addressed through Brown, Shipley & Co., 123 Pall Mall, London.

Entrance tickets for the conference (20 cents) may be had from Miss Brey, 431 Oxford Street, London, from now on stamps may be sent, as they can be exchanged), and at the time of the conference from the secretary, or at the door of the meeting place.

Meetings will be held in the great hall of the Musée Social, 5 rue Las

Cases. The great courtesy and kindness of the Directors of the Musée Social have prompted them to place this beautiful hall at the service of the conference without charge.

LAVINIA L. DOCK, Secretary, International Council of Nurses.

#### A NEW CANADIAN ASSOCIATION.

On March 30th, 1907, a Canadian Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools for Nurses was organized with thirty-six active and eight associate charter members. This list embraces superintendents of nursing schools extending from Newfoundland and Halifax, N. S., on the east to Vancouver, B. C., on the west.

The officers are as follows: M. A. Snively, president, Toronto; N. G. G. Livingston, first vice-president, Montreal; A. Macfarlane, second vice president, Vancouver; L. Brent, secretary, Toronto; M. L. Meiklejohn, treasurer, Ottawa. Council: M. R. Macdonald, Halifax, N. S.; M. Wilson, Winnipeg, Man.; M. Melsaac, Edmonton, Alta.; G. Molony, Quebec, Que.; A. Chesley, Ottawa, Ont.; E. M. Patton, Toronto. Auditors: F. Sharpe, Woodstock, Ont.; E. Stanley, London, Ont. Executive Committee: C. Green, Belleville, Ont.; A. J. Scott, Kingston, Ont.

It is hoped that the Society will embrace many American superintendents and members.

The first regular meeting will be held in Montreal on September 11th, 1907, when it is hoped to have some of the American members present.

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#### THE RED CROSS.

The District of Columbia Branch of the American National Red Cross commenced on March 26th a special course of lectures with practical demonstrations of field hospital work, for the benefit of the enrolled nurses of the Branch. The subjects are as follows:

FIRST LECTURE: General outline of the organization of the army in time of war and that of its medical and sanitary service.

SECOND LECTURE: The regimental hospital; the ambulance section; the field hospital; the base hospital; other hospitals and stations.

THIRD LECTURE: Medical and sanitary service of camps and on the march.

FOURTH LECTURE: Service in battle at the front.

FIFTH LECTURE: Service in battle at the rear.

One afternoon will be devoted to the practical demonstration of the field hospital. This will be done at the conclusion of the course as detailed above. An opportunity will then be given to examine the equipment and working plan of this organization.

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#### THE IOWA BILL.

A bill for an act to provide for the examination and regulation of graduate nurses. Also to regulate the practice of nursing by graduate nurses and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof.

Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Iowa:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to profess to be a registered nurse without first obtaining from the state board of health a certificate an-

thorizing him or her to practice nursing in this state, except as hereinafter provided.

Section 2. At the annual meeting of the state board of health it shall select two physicians from its own membership, and two graduate nurses, residents of this state, actively engaged in the practice of nursing, who, together with the secretary of the state board of health, shall constitute the examining committee for the year. The examinations provided for in this act shall be held in the city of Des Moines in July of each year and at such other times and places as the board of health shall direct. All applicants for certificate to practice nursing shall have attained the age of twenty-three (23) years and shall be of good moral character. They shall be graduates of training-schools recognized as being in good standing by the state board of health of Iowa, and shall have received at least two (2) years' instruction in general hospital practice. After July 1st, 1910, no training-school shall be accredited by the state board of health as a school of recognized standing which is not attached to a general hospital and which does not have a course of study of at least three (3) years. All graduate nurses who are residents of the state and who have been engaged in the practice of nursing prior to the passage of this act, shall be granted a certificate without examination upon the payment of the registration fee of five dollars (\$5.00), and the same rule shall apply to all nurses who graduate from a recognized school prior to July 1st, 1907. Nurses holding diplomas from hospital training-schools of recognized standing, upon application to the secretary of the state board of health, shall be granted a permit to practice until the first examination of the board following the issuance of the said permit.

Section 3. After the passage of this act, any person who is not exempt from examination by section two (2) of this act and who shall apply for a certificate to practice nursing shall be examined in the following subjects: Hygiene, anatomy, physiology, materia medica, dietetics, practical nursing, medical and surgical nursing, obstetrics, nursing of children and the rules and regulations of the state board of health relating to infectious diseases and quarantine and such other subjects as the examining board may require from time to time. Each applicant shall pay the secretary of the state board of health a fee of five dollars (\$5.00). If the examination be satisfactory to three members of said committee it shall so report to the state board of health; if the board find the report and ratings correct, it shall authorize its president and secretary to issue a certificate to the successful candidate for which such candidate shall pay an additional fee of one dollar (\$1.00). This certificate shall confer upon the holder the right to practice as a registered nurse, and be conclusive evidence thereof. The state board of health is empowered to recognize certificates issued to nurses under the laws of other states having substantially similar requirements to those existing in this state; provided, that such states recognize the certificates issued by the state of Iowa; then certificates issued by authority of such other states may be deemed sufficient evidence of qualifications of the licensee without further examination for certificate in this state; the fee for such certificate shall be ten dollars (\$10.00). The holder of such certificate provided for in this act, shall cause the same to be registered in the office of the county recorder of the county wherein he intends to reside.

Section 4. No person, after January 1st, 1908, except one holding a certificate under authority of this act shall advertise to be or assume the title of registered nurse or use the abbreviation "R. N." or any other words, letters

or figures to indicate that the person using the same is a registered nurse, and it shall be unlawful for any graduate nurse to practice nursing as a graduate or registered nurse in the state of Iowa without first having registered under this act.

Section 5. This act shall not apply to any person nursing the sick with or without pay who does not in any way assume to be a registered or graduate nurse.

Section 6. The board of health may refuse to grant, or renew, any certificate provided for in this act, to a person otherwise qualified, who obtained said certificate by false or fraudulent representation, or for immoral or unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, or for willful or repeated violation of the rules and regulations of the state board of health; and the board may revoke any certificate issued by it, for any such or similar cause; provided, that before the revocation of any certificate issued under the provisions of this act, the licentiate shall have been afforded an opportunity for a hearing before the board. At least twenty (20) days prior to the date set for such hearing, the secretary of the state board of health shall cause written notice, under the registered mail, to be sent to the licentiate at his last known place of residence; said notice shall contain a statement of the charges, and the date and place set for the hearing before the board. If the party thus notified fails to appear, either in person or by counsel, at the time and place designated in said notice, the board may, after receiving satisfactory evidence of the truth of the charges and the proper issuance of the notice, revoke said certificate. If the licentiate appear, either in person or by counsel, the board shall proceed with the hearing as herein provided. The board may receive and consider affidavits and oral statements, and shall cause stenographic report of the oral testimony to be taken, which, together with all other papers pertaining thereto, shall be preserve for one (1) year. If five (5) members of the board present at the hearing are satisfied that the licentiate is guilty of any of the offenses charged, the certificate shall be revoked, for such time as the state board of health may determine.

Section 7. Each member of the examining committee, except the secretary, shall receive for his services out of the funds created by the payment of fees by applicants for examination such compensation as is allowed to the members of the state board of medical examiners for like services and the secretary shall receive his necessary expenses incurred for services which cannot be performed at the capitol. All printing, postage and other contingent expenses, necessarily incurred under the provisions of this act shall be paid from said fund. All expenses incurred under the provisions of this act shall be itemized, verified, and audited and a warrant drawn therefor on the nurses' fund in the same manner as other expenses of the state board of health.

Section 8. Any person who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisonment in the county jail for not to exceed thirty (30) days.

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#### STATE MEETINGS.

MASSACHUSETTS.—The Massachusetts State Nurses Association held a meeting in New Bedford on March 20th. Prayer was offered by the Rev. M. C. Julien, and a very hearty welcome was given to the Association by Miss Noyes.

Miss Riddle said some people have erroneous ideas about state registration. It will give the sick public better nurses, keep training-schools up to the standard and thus assure pupil nurses of getting the right amount of instruction, but it will not change the character of the nurse. Some wise people think we are not ready for state registration because the public has not seen the necessity for such a law. This might be taken as a compliment to Massachusetts nurses. One reason for failure in securing state registration is that we have not made the personal effort we should. We are timid and slow to speak. However we are not discouraged, but consider the outlook cheerful.

Dr. S. D. Presbrey, of Taunton, said Massachusetts doctors had a hard fight to get state registration. They were told, by those who opposed them, that medicine was not an exact science, and therefore doctors should not be registered. The doctors wanted registration in order to protect the public from the half-way doctor. The quack is an imposition on the public but not on the doctor. Nurses should be registered for the same reason. In order to get public opinion on their side nurses must prove to the public by their work that registration is needed. Get registration, even if you have to sacrifice some points, and raise the standard later.

A question box proved to be a very interesting part of the programme. The question of training-schools returning to a two years course brought forth an animated discussion, the majority being strongly in favor of a three years course.

It was voted unanimously to make *THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING* the official organ of the Massachusetts State Nurses' Association.

After a vote of thanks to our speaker and entertainment committee, the meeting adjourned and refreshments were served.

Miss Clara D. Noyes, Superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, New Bedford was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

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INDIANA.—The fourth semi-annual session of the Indiana State Nurses Association as held at Evansville, Indiana, April 3 and 4, 1907, in the First Cumberland Presbyterian Church. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. Wigginton. The addresses of welcome were given by Dr. James Welburn, in behalf of the physicians and board of health, and by Miss Allie Butler, president of the Evansville Association, in behalf of the nurses. The addresses were most cordial, and were responded to in the same manner by the State Association's president, Miss Edna Humphrey, of Crawfordsville, Indiana.

There were three original papers by the resident nurses and all were interesting and practical: "The Training-school and its Pupils," by Miss Cora Goldsmith; "Some Points about our Profession," by Miss Allie Butler; "Nursing as a Profession," by Miss Fannie Clark. Dr. Will Gilbert gave a paper upon "The Mission of the Modern Hospital," and Dr. Edwin Walker a paper on "Benefits of Association, Local and General."

A reception was given on the night of April 3d in the Young Men's Christian Association parlors, which was quite informal and thoroughly enjoyed. After the business session on Wednesday there was a trolley ride of several miles into the country to "Woodmere," the southern Indiana Hospital for the Insane. Visits were also made to the hospitals and sanitariums in the city.

Association work is quite new to the nurses in Evansville, as they have but



recently organized a city association and are not yet affiliated with other societies. They have about forty-five members and proved beyond a doubt to the visitors from the Indiana State Nurses Association that they are earnest, practical women and that they will be heard from in the future.

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PENNSYLVANIA.—The semi-annual meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of the State of Pennsylvania will meet at Reading, Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 29, 30, and 31. The headquarters will be at the Mansion House, in the parlors of which the several meetings will be held. The first meeting will be on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock. To this meeting all friends of the association are invited. It will be followed by an executive session. Other executive sessions will be held on Wednesday evening, from seven-thirty to nine-thirty, and on Thursday afternoon at three. At this meeting a question box will be held for the benefit of any members who have questions which they desire answered. Membership cards must be presented for admission to all executive sessions. Members are requested to send to the secretary without delay any recent changes of address. The Mansion House and the Hotel Penn, American plan, \$3.00 per day, are both recommended.

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COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.—A special meeting of the Colorado State Trained Nurses Association was held on April 2d, 1907, for the purpose of choosing a delegate for the Associated Alumnae. It was voted to send Louise Croft Boyd to represent Colorado at the meeting in Richmond, Virginia, in May.

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MINNESOTA.—The Minnesota State Graduate Nurses Association held its semi-annual meeting in Minneapolis, Tuesday, April 9, at two-thirty p. m. in the mayor's reception room. The president was in the chair. There were about fifty present.

The president reported that the bill had passed both houses and had gone to the governor for his signature. There was no reason to believe that he would veto it. The house committee had amended section 2, making the examining board to consist of one physician and four nurses. The nurses then proposed an amendment requiring that, after the appointment of the first board all further appointments of nurses should be from nurses registered under this act. This was accepted and passed. The age of the nurse applying for registration had been lowered from twenty-three to twenty-one before the bill was introduced, at the request of Senator Witherstine who had charge of the bill.

Further business transacted at this meeting was electing a nominating committee to select a ticket for officers and board for the next year; placing an assessment on each member to pay all legislative expenses; voting to raise the dues two dollars to take effect after the annual meeting in October in order that they might publish a magazine; and the selection of the names of eight nurses and four physicians to be sent to the governor with the request that the nurse board of examiners be appointed from that number. The meeting adjourned until October.

## REGULAR MEETINGS.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.—The graduate nurses of the Ensworth Deaconess Hospital, St. Joseph, Mo., held a meeting on the evening of January 30, 1907, at the Nurses' Home, and organized an Alumnae Association.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Edith Byers; vice-president, Miss Mary Asson; secretary, Miss Sue Arnold; treasurer, Miss Lorena Hales.

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PUEBLO, COL.—The Pueblo Trained Nurses Association held its annual election of officers on March 2, 1907, the result being as follows: President, Miss L. A. Beeroft; first vice-president, Miss D. A. Bowzer; second vice-president, Miss M. S. Prifoars; recording secretary, Miss V. V. Kahler; corresponding secretary, Miss A. A. Murphey; treasurer, Miss R. Chaplin. The Association has issued business cards for the benefit of those in private practice, giving the name, address and telephone number of each nurse. The Association reports growth and interest.

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DENVER, COLORADO.—The first annual meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Colorado Training-school for Nurses was held in the class room of the Nurses' Home on April 9, 1907. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, L. M. Fowler, superintendent of nurses of the school; first vice-president, H. L. Corey; second vice-president, M. M. Durkin; secretary, S. Williams; treasurer, A. R. Barney; historian, H. S. Thompson.

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COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO.—At the annual meeting of the Nurses' Registry Association, held on April 3, 1907, the following officers were elected: President, L. L. Hudson; vice-president, C. Balkam; secretary, J. Stewart; treasurer, J. J. Shea.

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NEW YORK CITY.—The New York Hospital Alumnae Association held its annual meeting on April 10 and elected the following officers: President, Mrs. C. V. Twiss; vice-president, Miss I. H. Sutcliffe; recording secretary, Miss A. B. Stewart; corresponding secretary, Miss L. M. Wygant; treasurer, Miss M. A. Smith; trustees, Miss Benz, Miss Ryerson and Miss Jordan.

The association has paid \$570.00 in benefits to members from its fund for sick nurses. The club house has had serious difficulties—an elevator accident in which Miss Higinbotham lost her life, and a fire which destroyed much of the nurses' property and rendered a floor uninhabitable for weeks—yet its vitality seems unimpaired. The running expenses for 1906 were \$23,003.47. A modest sheet of alumnae news has been published for the members.

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.—A special meeting of the Alumnae Association of Nurses, Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, was held at the Nurses' Home on Tuesday, March 12, 1907, for the purpose of electing officers for 1907. Those elected were: President, Miss Mary Birnie; first vice-president, Miss Lucy Treadway; second

vice-president, Miss Julia Donohue; treasurer, Miss Ada Newbold; secretary, Miss Roberta E. Gregg. The meeting adjourned until Tuesday, April 2, 1907.

The regular quarterly meeting of the Alumnae Association of Nurses of the Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, was held at the Nurses' Home on Tuesday, April 2d, 1907, at three-thirty, P.M. The meeting was well attended, the president, Miss Birnie, brought many subjects before the members for discussion. The matter of forming a registry in Brooklyn for all nurses in Kings County was fully discussed, and a committee appointed to look after the matter. Miss Birnie was appointed delegate to go to Richmond to attend the annual meeting of the Associated Alumnae. The chairmen for two of the standing committees were appointed: Nominating Committee, Miss Helen L. Bailey; Visiting Committee, Miss Jennie Sheffield. The meeting adjourned until Tuesday, July 2, 1907.

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The regular monthly meeting of the Brooklyn Hospital Training-school Alumnae was held April 2. Miss Mason, chairman of the Club-house Committee, reported that the house at 255 Carleton Avenue had been rented for two years and would be opened as a club-house and registry early in May. The Misses Madden and Sweeney were appointed delegates to the Nurses' Associated Alumnae Convention to be held in Richmond, Va., in May.

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.—At the annual meeting of the Long Island College Hospital Alumnae Association of Nurses, held April 9, 1907, the following officers were elected: President, Miss M. A. Hoge; first vice-president, Miss M. Decker; second vice-president, Miss E. Hall; treasurer, Miss R. Kelley; recording secretary, Miss M. Beyer; corresponding secretary, Miss J. E. Wiley; directors, Miss V. A. Monck, Miss Signa Johnson, Miss Ryer, Miss Stingerland, and Miss McCarthy.

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BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Nurses Alumnae Association of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital held a very successful sale of cake and fancy articles on March 27th. The proceeds went toward the endowment fund for sick nurses. The nurses also contributed voluntary Easter offerings for this fund.

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SAVANNAH, GA.—Fourteen nurses, graduates of the Park View Sanitarium, met at the residence of Mrs. M. S. Morel, 319 Charlton Street, East, March 30, 1907, and formed an Alumnae Society. The society was organized for the purpose of stimulating social intercourse between the graduates of the Sanitarium and also for keeping a registry of the nurses so that they may be reached at any time. The society meets the first Thursday in every month. The officers elected are: President, Dr. A. B. Simmons; vice-president, Miss V. S. Borden; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. M. S. Morel.

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BALTIMORE, Md.—The Nurses Alumnae Association of the University of Maryland gave an entertainment by Polk Miller and his "Old South Quartette" on Friday evening, April fifth, to help pay the salary of the tuberculosis

nurse who is supported by the Maryland State Association. The salary of this nurse has been paid by the members of the State Association for the past year. She is doing efficient work, principally among the operators of the cotton mills, with a visiting list of one hundred and seventy-five patients. Two hundred and fifty dollars were cleared by the entertainment.

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NEWARK, N. J.—The Nurses Alumnae Association of the Newark City Hospital gave a progressive whist party in the parlors of the Nurses Home, 116 Fairmount Avenue, on the evening of March 18. The home was decorated with green shamrock and the walls were hung with the American and Irish flags.

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ORANGE, N. J.—A regular meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Orange Training-school for Nurses was held at the Nurses Home, 68 Henry Street, Orange, on Wednesday, March 20, at three p.m. Two delegates were elected to attend the convention at Richmond in May, and the question of a central registry for nurses was discussed.

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WORCESTER, MASS.—The Worcester City Hospital Alumnae Association at a special meeting in March elected the following officers for the coming year: President, Miss Ida Taber; vice-president, Mrs. Simeon Smythe; secretary and treasurer, Miss Ada F. Wood; consulting committee, Miss Sarah L. Nourse and Miss Katharine Maguire; sick committee, Miss Bertha Cook, Miss Mary Toothacre and Miss Helen Casey.

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The Alumnae of the Grant Hospital Training-school held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday, March 20. After the business meeting there was a delightful and instructive talk by Doctor E. S. Lewis, of the First Methodist Church, on the place held by faithful nurses in the hearts of patients and their friends. Following this was a reception to all of the nurses in the city. The various departments of nursing were well represented, as well as other schools. The purpose of the meeting was to promote a larger feeling of good-fellowship among nurses. Delightful music was furnished by Mr. Arthur Kellog. Dainty refreshments were served, and there were many expressions of gratification and good-will toward the Hospital, the School and the Alumnae.

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#### PERSONALS

MRS. ROBB is to spend the summer abroad, sailing from New York at the end of April.

MISS JOHNSTONE, superintendent of St. Luke's Training-school, Chicago, has been seriously ill, but is now improving.

MISS FREDERIC, of the New York Hospital Training-school, slipped on the ice this winter and fractured her hip. She has been a patient in the hospital for many weeks.

MISS CELESTE MANION, Class 1900, Faxon Hospital, Utica, N. Y., began her duties as head nurse of operating room and superintendent's second assistant on February 1st, 1907.

MISS ALICE ISAACSON, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has accepted the position as head nurse of the maternity department of Evanston Hospital, Evanston, Ill., and will take charge April 24th.

MISS ANNA COLE, graduate of the Paterson General Hospital Training-school, class of 1907, has been appointed operating-room nurse in her own hospital. Miss Cole entered upon her duties April 1st.

MISS CULBERT has resigned her position as night supervisor at the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, owing to ill-health. Mrs. Perison is temporarily filling this position until a permanent supervisor can be found.

MISS MARGARET SHERWOOD, graduate of the Paterson General Hospital Training-school, class of 1900, has been appointed assistant superintendent of her own school. Miss Sherwood entered upon her new duties April 15th.

MISS HELEN BALCUM, superintendent of nurses at the University Hospital, Iowa City, has accepted the position as superintendent of Finley Hospital, Dubuque, Iowa, to succeed Miss Marie Stotz, whose marriage to Dr. Michel, of that city, is to take place at an early date.

MISS MINNIE E. SURBRAY, a graduate of the City Hospital, Akron, Ohio, and of the Boston Floating Hospital, has been appointed to take charge of the new City Hospital of Warren, Ohio, May 1st. Miss Surbray has for some time held the position of supervising nurse at the City Hospital of Akron.

MISS V. A. ANDERSON has resigned her position as supervisor of nurses of the Methodist Episcopal Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., and has taken up private work in that city. Miss Frost, former supervisor of the operating-room of the same institution, has succeeded Miss Anderson. Miss Frost's position is filled by Miss Stoney, of the same school.

MISS ANNE LOUISE PEARSE, St. Luke's, Chicago, the first president of the Illinois State Association of Graduate Nurses, has been appointed editor of the Illinois Quarterly, to succeed Miss I. Virginia Parkes, Illinois Training-school, who has resigned on account of failing eyesight. Miss Lucy L. Clark, also an Illinois Training-school graduate, will succeed Miss Parkes as publisher of the Quarterly. Miss Clark is superintendent of Grove House for Convalescents in Evanston.

MISS NUTTING, who is retiring from her position of superintendent of nurses at Johns Hopkins Hospital, will sail on May 4th, for Europe, where she will spend the summer in rest, preparatory to taking up her new duties at Columbia in the fall. Miss Ross, who has for some time been Miss Nutting's assistant at Johns Hopkins, will be her successor there. This is a very just promotion and a proper reward for most faithful service.

AFTER May 1st, 1907, Miss Virginia S. Field, R.N., will care for two or three delicate or convalescent children at her own home, Cornwall-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. Miss Field is a graduate of Bellevue and a former superintendent of the Illinois Training-school. She will give the children under her care the attention they would receive in their own homes, with the additional supervision

of a trained nurse, in matters of diet and all essentials for the well-being of a child. In cases of simply delicate children, it is proved that medical attention, supplemented by the sympathetic, discriminating care of a nurse, is most valuable. Parents or guardians, during enforced absence, or prolonged illness, may here find home surroundings where these conditions may be realized.

MISS E. EUGENE HIBBARD, who has been in charge of the Isthmian Canal Nursing Service, resigned her position recently, and has been resting at her home in New Hampshire. The early work of the Canal Service has been largely along the lines of organization,—the building up and perfecting a good nursing service. Miss Hibbard's work in the past has been largely in that direction and she was well fitted to undertake this. Now that the constructive period is past, she has given it into other hands.

MISS MAY GRIGG, R.N., Class 1899, S. R. Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, resigned her position as assistant superintendent and supervisor of nurses of that hospital on March 15th, to return to private duty on Staten Island. Miss Grigg is succeeded by Miss Nellie Goodhue, R. N., graduate Royal Victoria, Montreal, class 1896, recently supervisor of probationers, Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, and head nurse of the medical wards and emergency department, Roosevelt Hospital, New York City. Miss Goodhue took up her duties in the S. R. Smith Infirmary on March 15, 1907.

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#### MARRIAGES.

IN December, 1906, Miss Martha Garland Whitehead, St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, to Dr. Stuart Michaux. Dr. and Mrs. Michaux will make their home in Richmond, Virginia.

ON Wednesday, April 3d, at the Second Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Virginia, by Rev. Russell Cecil, Elsie Boyd, Class of 1902 Old Dominion Hospital Alumnae to Dr. Benerly Randolph Tucker, of Richmond. Dr. and Mrs. Tucker sailed for Europe on Saturday, April 6th, as Dr. Tucker is to pursue his medical studies in Vienna for the next six months.

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#### OBITUARY.

MISS LILLIAN JEMMOTTE, a graduate of Bushwick Hospital Training-school for Nurses, Brooklyn, N. Y., class of 1903, died at the hospital, November 12th, 1906, after a short illness. Miss Jemmotte was the secretary of her alumnae association.

THE Holyoke City Hospital Alumnae Association announces the death of Miss Helen H. Sutton. Miss Sutton was president of the Alumnae Association and its members feel that they owe to her more gratitude and inspiration than can ever be expressed.

BESSIE BROWN, class of 1903, of the University of Michigan Training-school, died March 28th, at twenty-six years of age. Miss Brown did private nursing in Ypsilanti, Michigan, after her graduation. She will be missed by the Nurses Alumnae Association of Ann Arbor.

DIED, on March 13, 1907, in Portland, Maine, suddenly, Miss Margaret J. Graham, a graduate of the Maine General Training-school and a charter member of the Alumnae. She was a faithful friend and conscientious nurse who will live in loving memory in the hearts of those who knew her.

MARGUERITE AGNES FITZGERALD, a graduate of the Colorado Training-school for Nurses, died on April 6th, of cerebro-spinal meningitis, after a few hours' illness. The alumnae association of the school, on April 9th, framed a memorial to be placed on its records, a copy of which was sent to her family.

DIED, at Cobourg, Ontario, March 17th, Miss Elizabeth Cowling. Miss Cowling was a graduate of the Brooklyn Hospital Training-school, of the class of 1895. She was treasurer of the alumnae association for a number of years, was active in all the lines of progressive work with which the association was affiliated, and was also a devoted worker at St. Phoebe's Mission. The alumnae association has placed a memorial on its records, a copy of which has been sent to her family.

READERS of the JOURNAL who noticed in the April number news of the death of Miss Mary E. Smith, of Detroit, will be interested in the fuller account of her work which has reached us. Miss Smith was a charter member of the Associated Alumnae, also one of the directors. She was president of the Far-land Training-school Alumnae for several years and secretary for a number of years. She presided at two preliminary meetings when the Wayne County Nurses Association was formed. She was chairman of the ways and means committee of the Michigan State Nurses Association which drafted the bill for registration. She originated the plan to raise an endowment fund in Michigan for the Chair in Hospital Economics. About two years ago she gave up nursing and went home to live. She became interested in church and Young Women's Christian Association work in Hamilton, Ontario. Last year she was elected president of the Young Women's Christian Association and had a Bible class among the nurses of the City Hospital. She returned to Detroit to nurse a former patient, contracted pneumonia, and died within a week after entering the hospital.

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